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Identical letters dated 22 April 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a letter of complaint regarding a violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed by Israeli enemy forces on the morning of Wednesday, 21 April 2010 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 22 April 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On the morning of Wednesday, 21 April 2010, Israeli enemy troops unveiled a memorial that Israel had built on occupied Lebanese territory near Birkat Naqqar, south-west of the Lebanese town of Shab'a. This action is a flagrant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention and the 1907 Hague Convention, both of which forbid an occupying Power from destroying or altering public and private property. The erection by the Israeli enemy of a memorial on occupied Lebanese territory and subsequent alienation of territory that only the Lebanese State and people have the right to dispose of and over which only they exercise sovereignty, in addition to the exploitation by Israeli enemy forces of the land, which is a natural resource, reaffirm the hostile nature of the Israeli occupation and Israel's disdain for international law and norms, and once again clearly demonstrate Israel's insistence on flouting international resolutions and its refusal to accept the compulsoriness of those resolutions. This violation is a provocation to the Lebanese people. It will raise tensions and threaten international peace and security. It is also a blatant violation of the sanctity and integrity of Lebanon's territory and its sovereignty over the occupied Shab'a Farms and of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), under which Israel is obliged to withdraw from all Lebanese territory.

Lebanon calls on the Secretary-General, the international community and, in particular, the Security Council to shoulder their responsibilities and take appropriate decisions, preventive measures and practical action to compel Israel to remove this memorial, withdraw immediately from occupied Lebanese territory and implement all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006).